

STRANGE TURN OF FATE HELPS MEN IN CIRCUIT COURT

Trio Under Indictment for Felonies Escape Penitentiary Through Unusual Situation.

WITNESSES CANNOT BE SECURED

Two Are Dead and Third in Critical Condition—Mike Smith Gets Light Sentence.

Fate played strange tricks with three defendants in circuit court yesterday afternoon, resulting in the trio, under indictment for felonies usually carrying with them long terms in the penitentiary, being given short jail sentences on their pleas of guilty to petty larceny.

The first was Mike Smith, who was arrested with Sam Smith on a charge of burglary and larceny, the latter being shot by the sheriff's force in an attempt to break away. The two Smiths, whose names were assumed evidently because of their fine American ring, lived at Sam's house in East Moline, although the pair of Austrians were not related.

The men were charged with breaking into the chicken house of Mrs. Anna Gillespie of this city on the evening of Oct. 30, 1915, stealing fowls valued at \$16. On Nov. 4 the men were bound over to the grand jury, and as the pair feared the county jail Sam made a break for liberty and was shot by the sheriff's force, receiving injuries from which he later died.

Chickens in Saloon.

The location of the stolen chickens came about in an unusual way. When the Rock Island police raided a saloon for alleged sale of liquor on Sunday, the fowls were discovered in the cellar and the wife of the saloon man is said to have declared that two East Moline men had sold the chickens. In making a raid on an alleged East Moline gambling joint, the two men were arrested.

Yesterday afternoon State's Attorney Thompson agreed to take a plea of guilty to petty larceny from the defendant, the value of the property being fixed at \$14 and the defendant's age at 29 years. Judge F. D. Ramsay sentenced Smith to 15 days in the county jail, which when served will make a total of 120 days' incarceration, and he was fined \$1 and costs, the defendant to work out the sentence at the rate of \$1.50 a day. T. P. Sinnett, counsel for Smith, said if the case had gone to trial he would have been prepared to produce reputable citizens of East Moline who would testify that Mike was an industrious and hard-working citizen until the chicken stealing difficulty.

Cannot Produce Witnesses.

Because two of the eye-witnesses against the defendants are dead and the third and last is critically ill with Bright's disease at Mercy hospital, Davenport, State's Attorney Thompson was forced to take similar action yesterday afternoon in the cases of Albert Wagner and Charles Carter, charged with larceny and receiving stolen property. Under the circumstances the prosecutor was compelled to accept a plea of petty larceny or nolle prosequere the indictment.

Judge Ramsay gave each defendant 45 days more in the county jail, which would make a total of a little over six months' imprisonment, and fined each \$1 and costs. Value of the property taken was fixed at \$15 and the age of Wagner determined at 34 and Carter at 34.

As a matter of fact, the value of property, according to the indictment, reached \$175, the defendants being charged with breaking into cars on the Rock Island road, Sept. 28, 1915, and to have secured journal brass, brass engine bushing, 500 packages of chewing gum, a pair of men's shoes, and 12 suits of men's underwear. Mr. Sinnett appeared for the men.

Unusual Experience.

The three witnesses who claimed to have apprehended the pair while at work on the larceny were Hugo Alvine, Rock Island road detective, who was shot and killed Dec. 9 last by Dan Chastant; J. R. Reynolds, another special agent for the road, who died Sunday.

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CARDINAL MERCIER VISITS THE POPE



Cardinal Mercier in Rome.

This picture of the famous Belgian cardinal has just been received in this country from Rome, where the cardinal recently held an historic interview with His Holiness Pope Benedict.

denly Jan. 4 last, and J. W. Griffin, also a railroad detective, who is seriously ill in Davenport. Griffin was a material witness for the state in the Alvine murder case, but his condition was such that he could not testify. Judge Ramsay in passing sentence declared that this was one of the most unusual experiences of his judicial career.

IN MOLINE LODGES

Woodmen of the World of Lincoln camp No. 91 is to hold a regular meeting this evening. All new officers who were installed two weeks ago will be in charge. A large number is expected to attend.

Swedish Olive lodge No. 583, I. O. O. F., received four applications for membership at the weekly meeting, held in Swedish Olive hall last evening. Intention is to put on the initiatory degree at the next meeting, and others will follow this. Arrangements have also been made by Swedish Olive lodge members for an entertainment to be held the first meeting in March. Annual election of officers will come up at that time. Several special features are being planned for the entertainment and practically a complete representation of the lodge is expected that evening.

K. P. hall was crowded to capacity last evening for the annual roll call of St. George, No. 28, Knights of Pythias. Practically a complete representation of all Knights in the city was present. A. E. Danielson was in charge of the roll call, having been commissioned with that honor by the committee. In charge. Tribute to the American flag was paid by Carl G. Lundberg. Mr. Lundberg also spoke a few brief and well-chosen words, in which he summed up the stand of members of the order over the whole country in reference to the flag and what it meant to them. One of the features of the evening was the presentation of a 25-year veteran's jewel to Charles B. Truxell. Jewels will also be sent to Frank B. Hall of Moline and to W. B. Watt of Dallas, Tex., and L. J. Gamble of Billings, Mont. All these men, who have now reached the quarter-century mark in membership and have seen the expansion of the lodge to one of the largest fraternal organizations in this part of the state. According to custom of the lodge, jewels are awarded all who hold membership 25 years. Short talks were also delivered by Andrew Olson and other members. Mr. Olson spoke interestingly in behalf of the good of the order. A number of St. George lodge members will go to East Moline this morning to confer first rank work on a number of candidates there. A dance in K. P. hall tomorrow evening, to which the general public is invited, will be one of the social features of the winter. Plans for this are in hands of a committee and expectation is that a large number will attend.

Third degree work will be put on at the next regular meeting of the lodge, Monday of next week. Past chancellors will have charge of the work and supper will be served following the ceremony.

That the D. O. K. K. is progressing in a manner which virtually assures its success is the report of A. E. Danielson, one of the prime movers in the work. Mr. Danielson goes to Cordova to boost this innovation in Pythianism hereabouts this evening. Reports from all lodges of the county are that members are enthusiastic regarding prospects.

COUNTY BOARD TO CONVENE MARCH 7

Petition to Submit Plan of Issuing \$10,000 Bonds for Work House to Be Up.

ALSO TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL

Bids for Work On State Aid Gravel Roads Will Be Ordered Advertised at Session.

Call for a meeting of the county board of supervisors on March 7 at 2 p. m. is being circulated and it is expected it will be signed by one-third of the members in a day or two.

Some important matters are scheduled to come up for a hearing at the approaching gathering, including a petition to place the proposition of issuing bonds to the extent of \$10,000 for a county workhouse on the ballot. It was first planned to ask that the matter be submitted at a special election on April 4, date of the township vote, but it was later found sufficient time would not be allowed to permit this and therefore the petitions being circulated merely ask that the matter be presented to the people for an expression.

Ministers Favor It.

The Ministerial alliance at its meeting yesterday took action supporting the proposition and urging favorable action by the supervisors. Plan is being advanced by Supervisor S. R. Wright of this city, who has long advocated the erection of a work house in which tramps and other undesirable transients can be put to work.

Another matter which will be considered will be the county tuberculosis hospital scheme. Petition asking that this also be placed on the ballot was filed some time ago and although it is mandatory upon the board to do so, a committee was appointed and an investigation conducted, the full report being given at the last meeting of the county solons. Agitation in favor of city institutions in both Rock Island and Moline has been started again.

To Ask Bids.

Report from the state highway commission relative to surveys for the two state aid gravel roads which are to be constructed in this county this year, is expected to be read and bids ordered advertised for the work. Preliminary surveys, recently conducted under the direction of H. E. Surman, Moline, district engineer of the state highway commission and Wallace Treichler, county superintendent of highways, have been sent to the commission and upon receipt of approval from the body, bids can be asked.

HORSE BREAKS A LEG IN FALL; IS KILLED

A driving horse belonging to a resident of South Rock Island slipped and fell at the corner of Seventeenth street and Eighth avenue at 7:30 this morning, breaking its left hind leg. S. H. Miller, the veterinarian, was called, and found the animal was so seriously injured that it was advisable to destroy it. The horse was shot. The owner was driving to his employment at Rock Island arsenal when the accident occurred. The name of the owner was not learned. It is said the horse was valued at \$100.

The Trouble.

"Have you explained the germ system to your children? Everything should be on a practical basis these days."

"No," replied the old-fashioned citizen. "It seems inconsistent to tell 'em not to believe in fairies and then try to get 'em to believe in microbes."—Pittsburgh Post.

GLASS OF SALTS CLEANS KIDNEYS

If Your Back Hurts or Bladder Bothers You, Drink Lots of Water.

When your kidneys hurt and your back feels sore, don't get scared and proceed to load your stomach with a lot of drugs that excite the kidneys and irritate the entire urinary tract. Keep your kidneys clean like you keep your bowels clean, by flushing them with a mild, harmless salts which removes the body's urinous waste and stimulates them to their normal activity. The function of the kidneys is to filter the blood. In 24 hours they strain from it 500 grains of acid and waste, so we can readily understand the vital importance of keeping the kidneys active.

Drink lots of water—you can't drink too much; also get from any pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast each morning for a few days and your kidneys will act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia and has been used for generations to clean and stimulate clogged kidneys; also to neutralize the acids in urine so it no longer is a source of irritation, thus ending bladder weakness.

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Harper House pharmacy—(Adv.)

FORMER SENATOR IN THE RACE FOR VICE PRESIDENCY



Elmer J. Burdett.

Former Senator Elmer Jacob Burdett, of Nebraska, has just put his name on the rather limited list of republican vice presidential candidates. He is now a lawyer in Lincoln, Neb. He argues that the east has always furnished the running mate of the president and the west has contented itself with casting the vote to elect him. Mr. Burdett was in the senate from 1905 to 1911, and was a member of the house of representatives from 1899 to 1903.

TRI-CITIES TO PLAY PART IN RADIO TEST

Test to show the wireless preparedness of the United States is to be made on the night of Feb. 21 and from the tri-cities one of the messages in connection with the country-wide demonstration will be made. William H. Kirwin, Davenport, will flash out a "wire" in keeping with the spirit of the day following Washington's birth anniversary. The government has sanctioned the test. The message will come from Rock Island arsenal, composed by an army officer. Test call will be made by Kirwin on Feb. 18.

CARBON CLIFF

Mrs. Thomas Laughery and daughter Bessie visited at Moline Wednesday.

Mrs. Emma Kendall and sister, Mrs. Maggie Adams, of East Moline, visited Sunday at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steven Mitton.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wendell and family visited Sunday at the home of Mrs. Wendell's sister, Mrs. A. C. Lender, at East Moline.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Roseman were Moline visitors Wednesday and Thursday.

O. E. Holland was a tri-city business caller Tuesday.

Henry Meyer, who formerly lived here, but who for some time has made his home at Burlington, Iowa, has returned to make his home here.

Mrs. William Lender and daughter, Nina Rachel, of East Moline, visited Thursday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Edward Fravy.

Mrs. Ed Johnson of Geneseo and Mrs. Leonard Frank and daughter, Dorothy Anna, of Reynolds, visited this week at the home of their father, Louis Weitz, and family.

Miss Carrie Lambert of Milan visited Thursday with her sister, Mrs. G. F. Holland.

Henry Krambeck of Rock Island visited with his brother here this week. The February meeting of the Carbon Cliff Woman's Christian Temperance union was held Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. LeRoy Carey on Second street. There was a good attendance of members and friends. The afternoon proving most pleasant and after the business session. The hostess served a nice lunch.

Mrs. Dudley and granddaughter, Miss Allie Thompson, left Thursday for their home at Mercer, Mo., having spent the past two months visiting at the homes of her granddaughters, Mrs. Alfred Wendell, Carbon Cliff, and Mrs. A. C. Lender, at East Moline, and at James Thompson's home here.

Mrs. John Fahlstrom returned home Wednesday from a two weeks' visit at Swedeburg, Iowa, with her daughter Mrs. Verne Lauger. Mr. and Mrs. Lauger left during the winter to reside at that place, where he has gone into general store business.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence E. Beckwith and son Edgar of Davenport visited Saturday and Sunday at the home of the former's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Holland.

Mrs. George Hilton and baby of Watertown visited Wednesday with her sister, Mrs. Mabel Stupp.

Mrs. John Ewert was a visitor at East Moline Thursday.

Miss Marion Beckwith, who has been quite ill with appendicitis is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Armstrong have gone to Hampton Bluff, where Mr. Armstrong is employed on the Wool-enshire farm.

Mrs. Lewis Sickler and sister, Miss Dorothy Weitz visited at Moline Tuesday.

Wednesday a party made up of Silvis friends took advantage of the excellent sleighing weather and spend a pleasant evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hampson on Second street, where games were played and the hostess served an oyster supper. The party left for their homes at a late hour having had a delightful time.

CLASS PLAY CAST HAS BEEN CHOSEN

Miss Fay Booth and Franklin Searle to Have Principal Roles in "Contrary Mary."

ARE TO BE TWELVE PERFORMERS

Comedy, Said to Contain Unlimited Amount of Fun, to Be Given Easter Vacation.

With an all-star cast of 12 characters, the class play to be given by the Rock Island high school seniors this year promises to be an unqualified success. The playlet is a comedy entitled "Contrary Mary" and contains an unlimited amount of fun and complicated situations, coupled with a great deal of Irish wit. The part of the leading lady, or "Contrary Mary," will be taken by Miss Fay Booth, one of the most popular members of the senior class. The part of John Erwin, the leading male figure of the play, will be taken by Franklin Searle.

The other members of the cast are all well fitted for their positions and are expected to make the play the most successful in years. The cast is as follows: John Erwin Franklin Searle Franklin Warner Will McCulloch Mr. Trowbridge James Hughes Fairfield Stevens William Willis First Drayman Harry Cleveland Second Drayman Helmar Benson Delivery Man Marcus Archer Mary Erwin Fay Booth Barbara Drew Hortense Granere Teresa Murphy Aline Jane Martin Juno Jerguson Marguerite Anderson Miss Jones Marion Roth Miss Pearce to Direct.

The play will be held during the week of the Easter vacation very probably, and, as before, will take place in the high school auditorium. The business manager and stage manager for the play have not yet been selected, but undoubtedly will have been by the end of the week. Miss Iva Pearce, who has directed the class plays for several years, will direct the one for this year also.

ALEDO

Of the eight men arrested here on charges of bootlegging two have been released on bond. They are Will McCormick and Fred Durning, Ed Hutchinson was released for lack of evidence, and the other five have entered pleas of guilty and have been fined and sentenced to the county jail as follows: William Simpson, \$100 fine and 120 days in jail; Kenyon Moore, 90 days in jail; Everett Peak, 120 days in jail; Quinton Sherman, \$20 fine and 30 days in jail, and Cecil Miller, \$20 fine and 30 days in jail.

The case of Sydney L. Moore, former principal of the Viola public school, is being brought up in court today to be heard before Judge W. T. Church. The case was to have been heard in December, but because of default in the selection of the jury it was held over until Feb. 14. It is expected that 15 witnesses will testify, this being the number of subpoenas issued.

D. E. Farr has been in Des Moines for a part of the last week, attending the convention of Iowa clothiers, which was held at that place. Mr. Farr went to boost the national convention of clothiers, to be held in Chicago on Feb. 22.

The improvements on the interior of the drygoods store of Parkman Bros. are now well under way. If work develops results this store will be among the finest of its kind in the city. It is being made modern throughout and there will be much more floor space than previously.

The various horse buyers of the vicinity have been exceptionally busy the past week. Edgar C. Smith shipped two loads of horses from Muscatine and one carload from Taylor Ridge, all going to Galesburg. In addition to these he sent eight first class horses to his farm northwest of Aledo.

Messrs. Dorothy and Thompson also shipped one carload of horses from Aledo on Thursday. Saturday afternoon H. B. Esbach, one of the most prominent horse buyers of the vicinity, shipped a carload of fine drafts to Chicago.

A teachers' institute will be held in the Presbyterian church of this city next Friday. There will be a number of addresses by prominent educators of Illinois.

A new fish market has been opened in the room formerly occupied by the Allison barber shop. G. A. Reed is the manager of the market.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McKee of Columbus, Mont., who have made an extended visit with Mr. McKee's mother, Mrs. T. McKee and other relatives, left Wednesday for Bloomfield, Iowa, where they will visit relatives before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Thomson and family of Moline attended the funeral of Mr. Thomson's sister, Miss Margaret Thomson, held here Friday afternoon.

Dr. E. H. Fulkerson of New York City will deliver a lecture in the Methodist church Monday evening. The subject of this lecture is "Present World Movements."

Mrs. L. G. Hartwig of New Boston was the guest of Mrs. M. C. Danford and Mrs. L. J. Carter last week.

Mrs. E. L. Halmling and son Thomas of Rock Island, came Wednesday to spend a few days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Lewis.

Miss Alice Dacy is visiting friends in Keokuk this week.

Miss Marsha Vernon, who has been visiting at the home of Mrs. G. C. Scott, left last week for Chicago, where she will visit friends before returning home.

The Misses Golda and Grace Mannon of New Boston were Aledo visitors Wednesday.

Stock shipments from Aledo last

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\$4.00 Ostrich Plumes 89c

\$3.00 Ostrich Boas 79c

week were 10 carloads of hogs, four of sheep and one of cattle.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Day went to Rock Island Thursday.

J. A. Stewart and Harry Metcalf, who have been working at the Burlington station for some months, passed their examinations in Galesburg recently and are now telegraph operators. Mr. Stewart is now stationed at Orion, where he will soon move his family. Harry Metcalf, the 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Metcalf of this city, served his apprenticeship while attending high school. He is now night operator at Rio on the main line of the Burlington. Messrs. Stewart and Metcalf have been succeeded by Earl Gerbrich and Everett Shaw.

David Taylor Spence and Mrs. Elizabeth Spence of Winterset, Iowa, were called here the first of the week by the death of Mrs. Spence's sister, Miss Margaret Spence.

William Winders left Wednesday for Chicago, where he will meet his sons, William Winders of Springfield and George Winders of Indianapolis, Ind., for a short visit.

The Columbian club held the regular meeting Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Davis leader. This year the club is studying the United States and possession. The subject for study was "Lakes and Rivers of America." Two papers of much interest were read. One "The Rivers of America" was prepared by Mrs. McIntyre, and read by Mrs. Emerson. Another one "The Lakes of America," was written and read by Mrs. Davis. The rollcall, name of river or lake, was made very interesting by the ladies who related pleasant incidents relating to the various places.

J. A. Kelley, the father of Mrs. Charles W. Detwiler, fell on the ice near his home Wednesday breaking one of his knee caps and dislocating an elbow. He was taken to the Detwiler home.

Mrs. William Mosley of Keithsburg visited relatives in this city this week.

Mrs. T. D. Winders and son William went to Viola Wednesday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Sidwell.

Mrs. Harvey McHard of this city and Mrs. R. D. Thompson of Cripple Creek, Col., went to Altoona this week to visit Mrs. Catherine Thompson.

Mrs. Ed Minor and Mrs. Melissa Gleason went to Viola Thursday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Gleason's nephew, Charles Volk, held that afternoon.

The German club of William and Yashti college was recently entertained by Miss Thunilda Heegard at the girls' dormitory. Twenty were present and were entertained in true German style. During the evening the German quartet composed of Misses Anna Hebel and Veril Marston and Messrs. Holmes and Henry Holscher favored the company with several selections.

Miss Meda Sanquist went to Woodhull Thursday to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Weed of Joy arrived home Wednesday from a few days' visit with friends at Atalissa, Iowa.

J. F. White and daughters, Misses Lapa and Thena, went to Peoria

Wednesday to spend a week with Mr. Andrew Martin and other relatives.

Fred Spangler of Preemption town ship brought three wolf pelts to the county clerk's office this week and received \$10 apiece bounty. He sold two of the hides at \$7 apiece. The wolves were killed last week and were full grown animals of the timber variety. The pelts were of an unusually fine quality.

Mrs. Harry Butler and Mrs. Dorothy Harbour very pleasantly entertained a company of young ladies at the home of Miss Harbour Wednesday afternoon in honor of Miss Myrtle Butler, who will be married this month. The affair was in the nature of a kitchen shower and many useful presents were received by Miss Butler. Refreshments were served by the hostesses.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church held a social at the home of Mrs. William Loughery Thursday afternoon. About fifty members were present and spent a very pleasant social afternoon.

Miss Bertie Milligan went to Chicago this week to visit Miss Anna Barrett.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harney spent a few days this week in the tri-cities.

Aledo is to have a new federal building this year. Edward W. C. Knotts of Springfield, United States attorney for the southern district of Illinois, representing the postoffice department at Washington, was in Aledo last week for a conference to close options on the federal building site on Eighth street and North College avenue. Mr. Knotts indicated that the government is ready to go ahead with the plans and building of the new \$65,000 postoffice next spring. Upon examination it was found that the contract between the city and the Tri-County Light and Power company for the clearing of the city property of water pipes, had been lost. This matter must be cleared up before the government can act. The contract with the government for the site provides for the payment of \$3,500 for the Ella McKee property and \$8,500 to the city.

Mercer county will pay \$66,132 state taxes this year. Of this sum \$45,285, or 68 per cent will return to the county in the form of salaries earned by the officials and through various channels of state aid and will be spent in Mercer county among merchants and farmers.

To Make Your Hair Look Naturally Curly

If mislaid of the straight, lank hair will adopt the simple sinner method, she will have as pretty wavy tresses as she could wish to own. The trick is to look so natural, and the hair so beautiful, soft and glossy. Quite different from the obviously artificial curls and the parched, dead appearance of the hair produced by the heated iron.

Liquid sinner can of course be obtained at any drug store and a few ounces will keep the hair in curl for many weeks. Being perfectly harmless and neither sticky nor greasy, no one need have the least hesitancy in using it. It is best applied with a clean tooth brush, drawing this through the hair from crown to tip just before retiring. The effect next morning will be all that any one could desire.